

The Insider

Summer Fun at the Michigan Historical Museum System

July 8

Victorian Christmas Customs and Decorations. Think Christmas and stay cool, Victorian style. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

July 10 and 11

Shield of Steel: The Arsenal of Democracy. This World War II encampment explores the role of the wartime iron industry and Upper Peninsula residents. Events begin 9:30 A.M. both days. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

July 13

The Making of Lumberjack Life: U.P. Days of Yore. Part of the "Afternoons at the Museum" series. 2:00 P.M. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

July 15

The Wreck on the Wabash. Hear this true and tragic story, passed down through generations of Lenawee County residents. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

July 17 and 18

Wood-Shaving Days. Events begin 10:00 A.M. both days. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling.

July 18

Blessing of the Fleet. An Upper Peninsula tradition for more than half a century! Noon to 3:00 P.M. Fayette Historic Townsite, Garden.

July 20

Important Women in the Copper Country. Part of the "Afternoons at the Museum" series. 2:00 P.M. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

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A dream come true

Staff "adopts" 7th graders

An artifact I just honor and love is a painting. When I touch the painting, it is like I feel the potential of it. I hear just the strokes of the painter painting. I taste freshness of the paint and that's weird because it's like 50 years old," said Christian, talking about a painting his family brought with them when they immigrated to Michigan from Mexico.

He was among the top 15 seventh-grade students from the Center for Learning, Culture and Communication Arts (CLCCA) who presented research papers on their family history at an evening reception on June 2 at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. Most CLCCA students are from refugee families. The seventh grade represents more than 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq and Vietnam.

When the CLCCA moved a year ago into downtown Lansing, it was a dream come true for MHM education staff. With the magnet middle school only two blocks away, museum staff extended an invitation to the Lansing School District to incorporate the museum's resources and staff expertise into the school's seventh-grade curriculum. The goals of the program complement the Michigan Framework for Social Studies Education Content Standards.

CLCCA teachers from all disciplines re-



CLCCA 7th grader Christian beams as he delivers his family history research paper at the Michigan Historical Museum.

ceived special training at the middle school and at the Michigan Historical Museum. The CLCCA team—teachers Gina Voss, Jennifer LeRoy, Emily Oberlitner, Allison Schwartz and Becky Turner—worked with the MHM education staff.

"The beauty of this partnership is that we are making history now! This doesn't happen all the time—when you have a history museum in your own backyard that is willing to work with middle school youth," said Emily Oberlitner. "This is an

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Museum system achieves national accreditation



The Michigan Historical Museum System has achieved the highest recognition for a museum—accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Of the nation's nearly 16,000 museums, approximately 750 are accredited.

"Accreditation signifies excellence within the museum community," says Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director of the 12-site Michigan Historical Museum System. "It is the result of our staff's ongoing commitment to maintaining ethical and professional practices, and the strictest accountability to the public we serve."

"This honor also recognizes the partnership we have with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in protecting our historic resources at sites located within state parks," continues Kwiatkowski.

Summer Fun *continued**July 22*

Preserving Your Family Records. Learn how to make sure these precious clues to the past are available for future generations. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

July 22

Gardening Topics: Victorian Gardens. Master gardener Denise Haschke offers interesting facts and helpful hints about Victorian gardens. 7:00 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

July 24 and 25

Civil War Reenactment. The sights and sounds of the Civil War come to the Irish Hills. Events begin at 10:00 A.M. each day. Walker Tavern, Cambridge Junction/Brooklyn.

July 27

Lumberjack: Inside an Era in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Part of the "Afternoons at the Museum" series. 2:00 P.M. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

July 29

Nineteenth-Century Crafts. Find out how 19th-century Michiganders made the niceties and necessities of life. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

July 31

Past In Person. 7:00 P.M. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling.

July 31 and August 1

Iron Ore and the Civil War: Civil War Encampment. Be here when this Civil War encampment brings this historic era to life. Events begin 9:30 A.M. both days. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

August 4

Michigan's Maritime History. Life and work on the Great Lakes has created a fascinating area of Michigan's heritage. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

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Remembering board member Tom Shiels

With sadness, we report the April 1 death in Florida of Friends of Michigan History board member Tom Shiels. Shiels, 86, had a lifetime of community service. In fall 2000, he added preserving Michigan history to his volunteer efforts when he joined the Friends of Michigan History. Shiels had a particular interest in the Michigan Historical Center's Michigan Historical Marker program. His enthusiasm will be missed.

Dream Come True *continued*

ideal real-world experience for our students."

Jennifer LeRoy designed a project that had students learning about how to do oral histories and how to find meaning in artifacts, archival documents and photographs. They conducted research on Michiganders whom they could compare to their own histories and backgrounds, and then produced their findings in written research papers, I-movies or radio stories.

LeRoy explained that the goal was to have students bring the research skills they learned in their classroom out into the real world.

"By using technology, students will be preparing themselves for a global community connected through the Internet," she said. "The ability to create a piece that communicates to other peers based on personal and researched information gives the students power in their voices. By seeing how words are so closely connected to the world through the process of a research paper, students will know that they have, and will, impact their world."

Students asked their parents if they were able to bring anything with them when they left their homelands. Adis, who came from Bosnia, spoke of a picture frame. "The picture in there is of my whole family," he said. "The picture frame is the only thing that I have from the past because of the war. The house was on fire. Everything was burned."

While researching their families' history and stories, many students said they learned more than they could have imagined about their nuclear and extended families—those who immigrated to Michigan and those who remain in their native countries.

Illami, who came from Cuba, said, "I also got to understand that I'm here for my own good because I want to be somebody in my life

and, when I grow up, I'm going to find a good job so I can help my family in Cuba so my parents won't have to do it."

Students are also learning about their family values and want to give back to them. "My family has supported me at anything I would do," said Yuniur, who also emigrated from Cuba. "I'll be there for them and they will be there for me."

Students presented a book with all their stories to the Michigan

Historical Museum. These stories will be woven into the museum's exhibit on immigration and migration that will open on February 19, 2005. The exhibit has evolved out of a multifaceted immigration project for educators and children that will be available on the Internet and on CD.

Their voices and their lives tell amazing tales about ordinary kids...the human spirit, its strength and its cry.

—Jennifer LeRoy

Collections welcomes Green artifacts



The family of Governor Fred W. Green has donated some of the late politician's artifacts to the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

Green was twice elected Michigan governor, serving from 1927 to 1930. A staunch conservationist and avid outdoorsman, he designated several new state parks during his administration. Green's love of the outdoors was reflected in the red hunting jacket he wore for his official portrait (shown left). This jacket is among the artifacts donated to the museum by the governor's granddaughter, Helen Tyrrell.

Tyrrell also donated an inaugural gown worn by her namesake, First Lady Helen Green; a registration book from Camp Kennedy, one of the governor's favorite hunting lodges; ribbons, pins and a trophy from Green's service with the United Spanish War Veterans; and political campaign memorabilia.

"We appreciate Helen Tyrrell's commitment to preserving Michigan's past," says Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director of the Michigan Historical Museum System.

Remember, you don't have to be related to a famous Michigander to make an artifact donation to the museum. If you are interested in donating an artifact, telephone Michigan Historical Museum collections historian Laurie Dickens at (517) 373-1559. Or visit our web site: www.michiganhistory.org and click on "Donate, Volunteer, Support."

SECU partnership adds new Friends



Thanks to a recent partnership with the State Employees Credit Union (SECU), more than 300 people have become members of the Friends of Michigan History. Anyone who joins the Friends of Michigan History qualifies for SECU membership and other benefits.

"We are thrilled with the phenomenal success of this program," says Francis R. "Bus" Spaniola, president of the Friends of Michigan History. "The increased membership rolls translate into greater personal and organizational efforts to preserve our state's heritage."

The partnership with the Friends has allowed SECU to reach potential members who want to join the credit union but were not otherwise qualified for membership. Membership applications for Friends of Michigan History are available at all SECU branch locations or online at www.michigan.gov/friendsofmichiganhistory. More information about SECU and its services can be obtained at www.secu.org.



Welcome to Our New Friends

Craig Agar
Aleta Alexander-Kelly
Thomas Allen
Cathy Ashmead
Judith Avis
Jeffrey Babcock
Donald and Carrie Barton
Jay Beagle
Joseph and Barbara Belcher Jr.
Keith Benjamin

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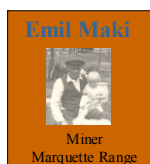
Plaques honor U.P. heritage

If your family tree includes people who worked in or served the U.P.'s iron industry, you can honor their role in forging a modern America by commissioning a heritage plaque that bears their names. The plaques will encircle a new exhibit gallery at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee.

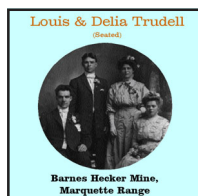
For more information on heritage plaques and the museums "Forging Our Future" capital campaign, visit our website: www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum. Or telephone Tom Friggens at (906) 475-7857 or send e-mail to friggens@michigan.gov.



5" x 2.5"
name, occupation
and iron range



5" x 5"
name, photo, occupation
and iron range



10" x 10"
name, photo, occupation
and iron range

Petroglyphs reopen

After a year of limited operations, Sanilac Petroglyphs has reopened for the 2004 summer season. The restoration of a regular public schedule resulted from the generous donation of a private individual.

Located near Cass City, Sanilac Petroglyphs interprets the life of ancient Woodland People and their influence on Michigan's Thumb region. The petroglyphs—rock carvings created between 300 and 1,000 years ago—feature images of mystical water panthers, deer and an archer.

The site is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., through Labor Day. There is no admission fee. For more information telephone (517) 373-3559, or visit online: www.michigan.gov/sanilacpetroglyphs.

MHM joins capitol celebration

This summer, Michigan's state capitol kicks off its 125th anniversary with a fabulous evening of activities on the capitol lawn. The Michigan Historical Museum is pleased to be a partner in bringing this celebration to the public.

The celebration takes place on Tuesday, July 13. Bring a blanket and a picnic and then settle in for an evening of entertainment. At 7:00 P.M., a dramatic military flyover high above the capitol dome signals the beginning of the festivities.

The United States Air Force Band will perform a free 90-minute concert of military, popular and Broadway selections. The "Band of Flight" features 50 musicians and 16 vocalists.

Staff from the Michigan Historical Museum will be at the capitol to add to the lively atmosphere. They'll bring reproduction artifacts and hands-on activities to harken back to 1879, when the capitol was dedicated.

Also helping in the capitol celebration will be members of the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They will be joined by reenactors of Michigan Civil War regiments to talk to visitors and answer questions.

NEW FRIENDS *continued*

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Linda Wallace
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"Play Ball" a success

On June 5, the Friends of Michigan History hosted "Play Ball—The Gals Can Do It All," a salute to three generations of women in softball and baseball. Coach Bob Every and members of his Lansing Community College women's fast-pitch softball team were on hand to show fundamentals to even the youngest visitors. The day's events also included appearances by Pauline "Denny" Hill, a former player with the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, and "First Lady of Michigan Softball" Kay Purves, former coach and player with the Lansing Laurels softball team.

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August 5

Why Would a Cannon Take a Bath? To look its best, of course! Find out the details of this unique project. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

August 7

Fayette Heritage Day. Come celebrate 19th-century life. Noon to 5:00 P.M. Fayette Historic Townsite, Garden.

August 7 and 8

Civil War Living History Encampment. The sights and sounds of the Civil War come to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Events begin at 8:00 A.M. each day. Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor.

August 8

Quilts in Michigan History. Discover how quilts provide a glimpse into Michigan's past. 2:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

August 10

Traversing the U. P.: Travel and Tourism in the 1800s. Part of the "Afternoons at the Museum" series. 2:00 P.M. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

August 12

Army Life during the Spanish-American and Philippine Wars. Hear the stories of these all but forgotten conflicts. 1:30 P.M. Mann House, Concord.

August 14

Forest Fest. 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling.

August 17

Pasties, Cudighi and Saffron Buns: Ethnic Foods of the Upper Peninsula. Part of the "Afternoons at the Museum" series. 2:00 P.M. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee.

August 21

Songs of the Lumberjacks. 7:00 P.M. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling.

August 26

Gardening Topics: Daffodils. Master gardener Denise Haschke offers interesting facts and helpful hints about daffodils. 7:00 P.M. Mann House, Concord.



Friends of Michigan History president Francis R. "Bus" Spaniola presents a plaque to World War II veteran Joseph Beyrle, guest speaker at last year's annual veterans event. Mark your calendar for the Friends' 2004 Veterans Recognition and Massing of the Colors, to be held on Sunday, November 7.

August 28 and 29

Black Iron Days. Events begin 10:00 A.M. both days. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling.

For information on these event and programs, telephone (517) 373-3559 or visit online www.michiganhistory.org.